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DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

July 17, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF THE PICKENS CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT C.P. No. 69580 (FIFTH DISTRICT - 3 VOTE)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve the Pickens Canyon Park Improvement Project Capital Project No. 69580, at a total estimated cost of \$250,000, including construction, to be funded by Park In Lieu Fees available in Park Planning Area No. 38 and Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition excess funds as specified in Attachment A.
3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to instruct the Director of Parks and Recreation to complete the Pickens Canyon Park Project (C.P. 69580) for a total project amount of \$250,000.
4. Approve At-Risk Youth Employment Plan (Attachment B).

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Chief Executive Officer to instruct the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to carry out the Pickens Canyon Park Project.

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Fifth District

The proposed project consists of the construction of a new, approximately 8,000 square foot passive park, including entry sign, pathways, low retaining/seating walls, new fencing, landscaping, and irrigation.

The Department's Regional Agencies' crafts staff will coordinate the work efforts required for this project. These work efforts will include the rough grading of the site, construction and installation of the park identification sign, coordination with the Department of Public Works Waterworks Division for the installation of the water service line from the meter to the site and will manage the remaining work (pathways, low retaining/seating walls, new fencing, landscaping, and irrigation) that will be implemented by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC).

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended action will further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal Service Excellence (Goal One), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal Four), and Children and Families' Well-Being (Goal Five) by providing recreational and open space amenities utilizing existing land in the public domain for community benefit.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The construction amount for implementing the project is estimated at \$187,660 including the cost of \$30,000 for At-Risk Youth services to be provided by the Los Angeles Conservation Corp (LACC). The total project cost, including plans and specifications, plan review, construction, consultant services, and County services, is estimated at \$250,000. The project is funded by Open Space District Excess Funds in the amount of \$91,000 and Park In-Lieu Fees Special Fund Park Planning Area No. 38 in the amount of \$159,000. Sufficient funds will be available in Fiscal Year 2007/08 project appropriation to complete the project.

The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included (Attachment A).

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the project description, the Department anticipates an increase of \$10,000 in annual on-going operating costs for landscape maintenance contracts beginning in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The Department submitted a funding request to the Chief Executive Office in its FY 2007/2008 Final Changes Request; this request was subsequently, approved by the Board on June 18, 2007.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A Use Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, as Owner, and the County of Los Angeles (Parks and Recreation) as User was approved by your Board on September 12, 2006. The Use Agreement was executed on December 28, 2006.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15303 (d), (e) and 15304 (a), (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3(a), (b) and 4(a), (c) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for new accessory structures and utility conveyance as well as minor grading and landscaping.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed action will have no impact on any other projects currently planned or under construction, and will provide for continued and enhanced recreational opportunities for residents of Los Angeles County.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

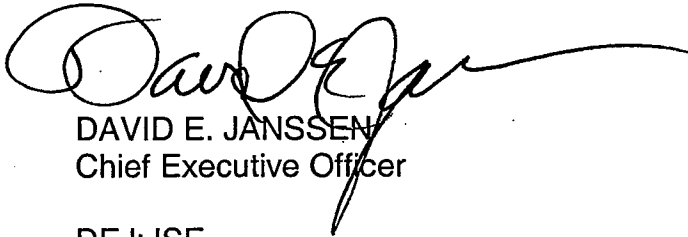
On September 12, 2006, your Board approved a Use Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, as Owner, and the County of Los Angeles (Parks and Recreation), which was executed on December 28, 2006. The Agreement establishes construction, operation, maintenance, and financial obligations of each party for improvements to a portion of the property on the east side of Pickens Canyon Channel, north of Foothill Boulevard, in the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles. The project will be implemented by the County craft staff (rough grading and park identification sign) and the LACC (all other project scope).

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CONCLUSION

Please return one (1) conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Department of Parks and Recreation

ATTACHMENT A

APPROVAL OF THE PICKENS CANYON IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
C.P. No. 69580
(Fifth District - 3 Vote Matter)

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
1. Award Design Contract	N/A		
2. Execute Design Contract	N/A		
3. Schematic Design	1/07		
4. Design Development	2/07		
5. Construction Documents	4/07		
6. Jurisdictional Approvals	5/07		
7. Construction Award	N/A		
8. Construction Start	7/07		
9. Substantial Completion	10/07		
10. Final Acceptance	N/A		

Cost Category	Project Cost
1. Land Acquisition	N/A
2. Plans and Specifications	N/A
3. Plan Review	N/A
4. Make-Ready Activities	\$22,500
5. Construction	
Construction	\$140,600
Change Order	\$17,060
Total Construction	\$157,660
8. Consultant Services	\$3,960
9. County Services	\$35,883
10 Youth Employment	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$250,000

**PICKENS CANYON PARK
GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
C.P. NO. 69580
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)

The proposed project consists of the construction of a new, approximately 8,000 square foot passive park, including entry sign, pathways, low retaining/seating walls, landscaping, and irrigation.

Tasks that may be performed by At-Risk Youth

Youth will assist in the construction of the pathways, retaining/seating walls, fencing, landscaping, and irrigation.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) estimates that the youth labor will be approximately 3,000 hours at \$8.50 an hour plus benefits for an approximate cost of \$30,000.

Method of Youth Employment

The Department of Parks and Recreation has a contract with the LACC for as-needed services utilizing at-risk youth for landscaping, maintenance, and improvement projects for an initial two year term. This contract was approved by your Board on December 5, 2006.

Youth Employment Goal:

Under the provisions of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation (YEMO) for the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$15,739,750 (equal to fifty percent of the total maintenance and servicing funding from Proposition A of 1992 and 1996) has been met; however, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects.